

The Avalanche

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POLITICAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

The Inter-State Commerce law when first framed was introduced in Congress, apparently met with the opposition of the railroad lobby, and much ado was made in subsidized dailies over the financial injury it would do to railway corporations. Somehow the people accepted the proposed law as a powerful weapon against these corporate monopolies and applauded the gentlemen in Congress who voted eloquently in favor of the bill. Now that the workings of the new law are manifested, it is evident beyond all question that the railroads alone are the ones benefited by it. That these corporations, by a shrewd appearance of opposition, really secured the passage of the bill, is almost beyond doubt. Higher rates of freight, a strict enforcement of the baggage weight limitation, upholding tenacity in the matter of passenger rates—all these will work against hundreds of commercial enterprises, and serve to handicap the prosperous period on which the country seems to have entered. The next financial crisis will be traceable to the Inter-State Commerce law as readily as a meadow brook to the spring that is its source. —Detroit Commercial Advertiser.

For a town of 1,000 inhabitants Guylord, Otsego County, has hardly its equal in the state for officeholders. It is peculiarly situated, the main street being the dividing line between two townships so that on each side of the street there are the officers of that town. Then the village officers are selected from both sides of the street. Then the county officers have hitherto been taken from this town. And lastly a state senator and representative were nominated from this town. Taking into consideration the fact that there are only about 300 voters, and the number of officeholders to the square voting inch is something immense.

"America for Americans."

The Watchword of a New Party Largely Composed of Knights of Labor.

A Philadelphia telegram to the Pittsburgh Commercial Gazette says: A new political party is announced, not as being in embryo, but born long ago, and now pledged to, the extent that it proposes to take wing in the next presidential campaign. Its watchword will be "America for Americans." Few people suspect the strength of the new organization, which is largely composed of Knights of Labor, the patriotic sons of America, and members of various unions; all, however, "native Americans." It is said that over 300,000 signatures have already endorsed the principles of the new party, and that before the summer is over a million names will be subscribed to the platform, whose chief plank will be a demand for the reduction of banishment. The movement has been seen to its minor manifestations in California. The large increase of adherents is expected through the many thousands of names secured to a petition now in circulation in various lodges throughout the country asking from the judges of Illinois the execution of the death sentence against the Chicago anarchists. This information came to a reporter from an authoritative source.

Fruit Growing for Women.

A Massachusetts woman, having an hour or two each day to spare from housework, and wishing to earn a little money, decided to try raising straw berries for market. Her piece of land was fifty-seven feet long, and averaged fifty-seven feet wide. The plants were well taken care of through the season, and the last of October the bed received a final hoeing, and a little later the plants were mulched about two inches deep with pine needles. Before the picking season commenced, she began with a market-man, a mile and a half distant, to take all her berries, by allowing him, as his share, 4 cents a basket for all berries sold for 20 cents and over, and 8 cents for those bringing less. In picking, she was careful to pick only sound fruit, to have as large berries at the bottom of the basket as on top, and to have them packed as high as the crate would allow. It being a poor year for straw berries, owing to drought, which did not affect her low ground, she received good prices. None were sold for less than 15 cents a basket. The entire crop sold was 250 baskets, for which she received \$22.80. Expenses were \$21.55, leaving a net profit of \$1.25. American Agriculturist for May.

A Robbery Story.

A story is afoot to the effect that on Saturday evening H. E. Rockafellow drew, at Mio, about \$550.00 in money, which he collected as sheriff for the township of Elmer and carried it to his farm in that township for the purpose of turning it over to the newly elected township treasurer. On Sunday night the money was in a large pocketbook in the pocket of his coat hanging over the head of his bed, but in the morning it was missing. Mr.

Rockafellow found the pocketbook in the middle of the road with a quantity of papers which it contained. The thief only left one bill in the book, #29, which Mr. Rockafellow says is a counterfeit.

We have the positive authority of reliable men who have talked with Rockafellow on the subject, but we cannot resist the conclusion that some body is putting up a large joke. It is absurd to believe that a thief could do such a thing in the teeth of a big, ugly dog—that he would throw a pocketbook in the middle of a highway, that he would leave no tracks—detect counterfeit \$29 by starlight, and escape without even provoking the dog who saw it. For a shady nook around the house, on the door-step, or elsewhere, no flower gives more satisfaction than a spotted Fuchsia. The other flower we desire to speak of is a Rose, "Little White Pet." Just think of a Rose bush, one branch of which will have fifty to one hundred buds and blooms at one time. For bedding it is the most valuable of any variety, forming one solid mass of bloom, getting better each year, and perfectly hardy, besides being also adapted to house culture. Vick's *Floral Guide* tells all about these and hundreds of other flowers. Send two cents to James Vick, Seedman, Rochester, N. Y., and you will receive this beautiful work, from which you can order the plants named above, and they will be sent to you by mail and delivered as fresh as when taken from the greenhouse.

WASHINGTON LETTER
From Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 22, '87.
There is a dearth of news in Washington just at this moment, and public attention is concentrating upon the National Drill, which is only a few weeks off now. Preparations at the camp ground and drill ground are under way, the list of entries for participation in the contest is quite large, and the indications are that there will be an immense crowd to witness the novel event, as well as a grand gathering of citizen soldiers.

The largest meeting of the bench and bar ever held in this city, took place at the City Hall through respect to the late Judge Carter. The

death of the Chief Justice removes an historic and prominent figure from the District bench, and from Washington's list of notable men. He was a political power in the early days of the republican party, the close friend and adviser of President Lincoln, Secretary Stanton, and other republican leaders, and has been at the head of the District bench since its creation. He was a man of profound political sagacity and spotless personal character, while his powers as a speaker

were characterized by breadth of information, brightness of wit, and force of diction, the effect of which was scarcely lessened if at all, by a stammering delivery.

In regard the vacancy caused by the Judge's death, which will be filled soon by the President, a member of the bar said that the lawyers of the District were so much disgusted because their wishes were not consulted in the last appointment that it was doubtful what action they would take or whether the would take any.

He referred to the appointment of Judge Montgomery, Cleveland's late commissioner of Patents, who failed so signalily in that capacity that he felt compelled to resign and seek a position in another branch of the service.

Rev. Dr. Burghard has been on a visit to Washington but did not go to the White House, as most visitors to the Capitol do. He is the clergyman you remember who distinguished himself during the Presidential campaign of '84 by characterizing the Democratic party as the party of "Rum, Romanism and Rebellion." He preached last Sunday in Rev. Dr. Newman's church, the Metropolitan, and was the object of a good deal of curious attention, the people being anxious to see the man of "the three R's." His friends, including the President's pastor, (Dr. Sunderland) insisted upon his calling upon Mr. Cleveland for whom he was anxious of having done so much, but he declined to go.

Three times a week at one o'clock, Dr. M. President Cleveland comes down to the East Room to shake hands with the people who have gathered there for this purpose. The crowd, which is composed principally of visitors to the city, and is controlled by visitors to the city, and is controlled by the hired man, who has been

as to size, much by the weather, averages from one to four hundred persons each day. Usually the reception masses off without any incident of note, but not always to the President's satisfaction. For instance yesterday he was very much annoyed by half a dozen newspaper youths who stood near him and commented upon the callers attending his reception. Their remarks were audible and they had something to say about every individual who passed by. Of course such conduct was totally devoid of good breeding and full of unkindness of spirit, and the president administered to the group of wretches only rebuked in his power, which was to turn and look reproachfully at them several times.

Among the many memorable annual fairs connected with that exciting period at the close of the war with which the past week has been full, was that of Elmer. The day is still ways celebrated in the District of Columbia with considerable display, and this time preparations were made for unusually large festivities. Just at the appointed hour they were to have commenced with unprecedented pomp and circumstance, everything collapsed with a pitiful rainfall, and our colored citizens got little satisfaction out of their parade. Plumes drooped, sashes were bedraggled, and banners dripping and wet refused to play on the breeze. Only a section of the long procession that was to have been led into line and passed in review by the President,

Two Beautiful Flowers.

"It is probable that nature has gone nearly or quite to its limit in the production of this flower," is what has been said of the new Fuchsia, "Phenomenal" which has been recently offered to the public. In respect to strength and robustness of growth, it is one of the best of all the double-blooming varieties. The tube and sepals of the flower are a bright carmine; corolla a bright violet, shading to purple, and the flower is larger than that of any other sort. Said a lady who had one last year, "it has had thirty full blown flowers, and now has seventy buds. It is greatly admired by all who see it." For a shady nook around the house, on the door-step, or elsewhere, no flower gives more satisfaction than a spotted Fuchsia. The other flower we desire to speak of is a Rose, "Little White Pet." Just think of a Rose bush, one branch of which will have fifty to one hundred buds and blooms at one time. For bedding it is the most valuable of any variety, forming one solid mass of bloom, getting better each year, and perfectly hardy, besides being also adapted to house culture. Vick's *Floral Guide* tells all about these and hundreds of other flowers. Send two cents to James Vick, Seedman, Rochester, N. Y., and you will receive this beautiful work, from which you can order the plants named above, and they will be sent to you by mail and delivered as fresh as when taken from the greenhouse.

Not Walk.
Jabe Mathias was a good soldier, but one day Jabe threw his musket on the ground, seated himself by the roadside, and exclaimed, with great vehemence:

"I cannot walk another step! I'm broke down!"

"Get up, man!" exclaimed the captain. "Don't you know the Yankees are following us? They'll git you, sure."

"Can't help it," said Jabe. "I'm done for. I'll not walk another step."

In a moment there was a fresh rattle of musketry and a renewed crash of shells. Suddenly Jabe appeared on crest of the hill, moving like a hurricane, and followed by a cloud of dust. As he dashed past his captain, the officer yelled:

"Hello, Jabe! Thought you wasn't going to walk."

"Walk!" shrieked Jabe, as he hit the dust with increased vigor. "You don't call this walking, do you?"—Savannah News.

Circumstances Alter Cases.

A farmer hired a man to help work the farm. One summer day, when labor was scarce, the two were mowing in the field, and several larks flew up. "Look at those big cranes," said the hired man.

"Those are not cranes; they are only larks," said the farmer, somewhat surprised.

"If you don't say they are cranes, I'll knock off work right now," said the hired man.

As the farmer could get nobody at that time to take the hired man's place, he was obliged to yield to the whim of the master.

"Yes," said the farmer, "I see now that they are cranes, but they are not big cranes; they are only half-grown cranes."

The hired man was satisfied with this concession. Some months afterwards, the hired man still being in the employment of the farmer, the latter said at dinner one day, as he poured out a glass of water:

"Here is some very fine beer."

"That's no beer; that's only water," replied the hired man.

"If you don't say it is beer you can tender your resignation, for I don't want any offensive partisans about the place."

The hired man knew very well that he couldn't get another situation at that time of the year, so he tasted the water, and cheerfully indorsed the administration, saying:

"Of course it's beer, but it hasn't got much body to it."

Having thus convinced the president that he was sound on the goose-question the hired man was allowed to retain his position.—Texas Settings.

To Humble Family Pride.

"Why do you want to run for alderman?" was asked of a young man, after he had been to the man's last night. "To humble family pride, my dear boy," was the answer. "I think I am a pretty good fellow, and so does my family. After the election is over I am going to compile all the bad things said about me and with Pook-Bairr exclaim: 'All family pride, take that!' Every time I get too exalted opinions of myself I take that prescription. It will prevent my floating into the ether some time."—Elmira Gazette.

Patents Granted.

To citizens of Michigan during the past week, and reported expressly for the Avalanche. By C. A. Snow & Co., Patent lawyers, Opp. U. S. Patent Office, Washington, D. C.

C. F. Beebe, Orion fence; J. M. Bullock, Monroe, pack cover; A. B. Harford, Kalamazoo, two wheeled vehicle; A. Lyon, Detroit, carpet beater; C. Miller, Muskegon, uniting the ends of band saws; L. C. Norris, Bay City, book holder; C. W. Noyes, Kalamazoo, two wheeled vehicle; D. O. Paige, Detroit, safe; D. B. Peck, Jackson, dish washing machine; W. D. Rumsey, Detroit, two wheeled vehicle; E. O. Shepard, Detroit, steam engine; I. A. Turner, Detroit, steam engine.

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expresses the feeling of many victims of rheumatism, neuralgia, sciatica and nervous or sick headache. Having tried numerous patented remedies, and physicians of all schools, without relief, there seems to be no hope. Many such have last resort tried Athliphorous Pills, and the surprise and joy have found that it was a safe, sure and quick-ager. Athliphorous is not an experiment; thousands have been cured by its use and they testify as to its value.

William Blair, train dispatcher of the G. H. & M. railroad, Detroit, Mich., says: "For about fifteen years I have been almost a constant sufferer from neuralgia, many times unfitting me for my business duties as well as making life a burden. The strain on my nerves was so great that I nearly lost the use of one of my eyes. I was suffering very much, and had never succeeded in getting anything that would give me but temporary relief, and that was of very short duration. The Athliphorous made a very decided change. I had some relief, and then a few doses. I probably have used a dozen bottles, and it is six months since I had a severe attack. I keep this medicine in hand at the time; I have some at my office and some at home, so that in case I should need it I am well prepared. I have had time during my use of this medicine that my neuralgia would come on during my business hours, and by having the medicine close at hand a dose or two would drive the neuralgia away.—For neuralgia Athliphorous is undoubtedly the best medicine, and I think I ought to know, as I have during the many years that I have suffered had occasion to try about every thing in the line of medicines for this complaint."

Every druggist should keep Athliphorous Pills, but where they cannot be bought the druggist should

order them from the manufacturer.

GRAYLING, MICHIGAN.

TERMS, CASH!!

Sept. 24, 1887.

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J. C. HANSON, Local Editor.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 1887.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Falling, Hanson & Co's. Price List

(Corrected Weekly.)

Oats No. 2 white per bushel, 45 cents.

Hay, No. 1, per ton, 15.00

Raw fat, No. 1, per ton, 24.00

Bran, per ton, 18.00

May butter, refined, per barrel, 5.15.

Shortening, butter, per barrel, 4.90.

Butter, flour per barrel, .35.

Eaten meat, beef, per barrel, 9.50

Meat, pork, per barrel, 15.50 per

Refined lard, per pound, 9 cents.

Ham, sugar cured, 15¢ per pound, cents.

Breakfast bacon, 12¢ per pound, cents.

Cheese, mrs., miles, per pound, 94¢ per

S. C. pork, per pound, 9 cents.

Plate meat, 5 cents.

Choice dairy butter, per pound, 25

Fresh eggs, per dozen, 14 cents.

O. G. Java, ground, per pound, 35 cents.

Mocha, ground, per pound, 38 cents.

B. C. & Co.'s Mexican coffee per lb., 25 cents.

B. C. & Co.'s Aracaba coffee per lb., 22 cents.

Flints Golden Rio, 25 cents per pound.

Teas, green, per pound, 20 to 50 cents.

Sugar, Extra C. per pound, 514 cents.

Sugar, granulated, per pound, 96 cents.

Sugar, cut loaf, per pound, 714 cents.

Sugar, powdered, per pound, 8 cents.

Oil, waterwhite, per gallon, 15 cents.

Beans, hand picked, per pound, 75.

Pearl, green, per bushel, 175.

Syrup, Sugar, per gallon, 30.25

N. O. molasses, per gallon, 60 cents.

Molasses, per gallon, 10 cents.

For your children's suits go to Finn's.

Dried Apples at James', 82 a pound.

Fresh stock of new candy at James'.

New maple sugar, cheap at James'.

Clare Hadley has returned to his

musical studies at Flint.

Fresh garden seeds of all kinds at W.

H. James.

Finn has a delivery wagon now, and

will take a 5¢ bar of soap home for

you.

Goods delivered to all parts of the

village at Finn's, and prices the low-

est.

Dr. Revell, of Roscommon, was in

town last week, and as usual, called

on the AVALANCHE office.

Sup. Abbi of Blaine has kindly

held Mr. Hanson's place at the press

and case during his absence.

J. S. Harrington has his new house

enveloped, and will soon sit beneath his

own roof tree again.

All kinds of soap, largest bars and

cheapest soap ever brought to Gray-

ling, at James'.

Make up your orders for Vick's flower

seeds at once. Make Grayling known

in the future as the "Flower" city.

Sheriff McCullough utilizes his board-

ers by exercise in cleaning up the

court house yard, which is an improve-

ment.

W. H. James has the finest land

roller we ever saw. Boiler iron, wrought

arms and all iron except

tongue.

The largest stock and best assort-

ment of Window Shade Spring Rollers

and fixtures can be found at Traver's

Furniture Rooms.

The organization of the Crawford

County Agricultural Society is a step

in the right direction, and cannot but

be of benefit.

The AVALANCHE office is under ob-

ligation to Mrs. M. E. Hageman for a

basket of the finest parsnips we ever

saw.

If you want to know how cold the

water is in school section lake, ask

Arthur Brink or Burt Wisner.

They saved the boat but lost their fish.

Dr. Wm. M. Woodworth is complet-

ing his house on Roffee's addition, and

it will make a very pleasant home for

somebody.

F. L. Richmond is reported to be

located five miles from Jefferson City,

Mo., on the farm of 115 acres, with

plenty of stock, fruit &c.

H. Head of South Branch starts a

"Deleware County Creamery" on his

farm this spring. He will milk thirty

cows.

Geo. Homer has entirely refitted the

city market, and it is as neat as paint

can make it. He is giving us a first

class market, and deserves the liberal

patronage, which has been given him.

H. Mant & Co. have commenced an

addition to the Central Hotel. They

propose to entirely remodel the entire

building, and make it a first class

house in every way. We trust they

will make it a success.

Ladies who have bought flower seeds

bulbs, etc., from Vick, cannot be induced to go elsewhere, for the reason

that they know Vick's seeds are per-

fect and always true to name.

Mr. F. L. Hastings, of Pere Cheney,

has started the manufacturing at that

place, of a fine polish for silver, wire,

a brilliant stove polish on a stere-

enamel, which promises to grow into

an industry that will be a benefit to

that village.

The rink was closed for the use of

rollers last Saturday evening and a

large party were present to bid fare-

well to the pleasant skating exercise.

Prof. W. W. Wendell, of Saginaw,

has been visiting our city, for a few

days, the guest of Mr. J. M. Finn,

with whom he was a schoolmate. Prof.

Wendell has gained an enviable reputa-

tion as an educator, in our state,

having been very successful in Clinton

and Hudson, where he was engaged

for five years.

A dainty lot of ladies' slippers now exhibited at McCullough's.

J. M. Finn has thoroughly remodeled the skating rink, for a warehouse for hay, grain, feed &c. It may not develop so much fun as formerly, but we hope the profit will be increased.

SLEEPLESS NIGHTS, made miserable by that terrible cough, Shiloh's Cure is the remedy for you.

CATARH CURED, health and sweet breath secured by Shiloh's Catarh Remedy. Price 50 cents, Nasal Inhaler free. For sale by N. H. Traver.

The daintiest boot ever brought to Grayling, is now on sale at McCullough's.

Miss Judith Blakesley has been engaged as assistant teacher in the primary department of our school. 78 pupils in that room made it pretty thick for one teacher.

C. E. Hicks has engaged to teach in district No. 6, of this township for the summer. We congratulate them in the prospect of a good school, but regret his absence from the village.

River Boots a specialty at McCullough's. Call and see them before starting the drive.

Mr. D. W. Mills has closed out his grocery business here, Messrs. Salling, Hunson & Co. buying the stock and fixtures. Competition is the life of trade, and we regret to see any withdrawal.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Mitchell have returned from their visit to St. Clair County, which proved sad one to both. Mrs. M. Comer, sister of Mrs. Mitchell was dead when they arrived, and soon after her funeral, they were called to the home of Mr. John Mitchell, in the same county, who died on Saturday night, followed by his son, who had been ill for several weeks, but was to all appearance convalescent, and had been down town three or four times, so that all thought of danger had passed from the minds of his family and friends. On the afternoon of that day he fainted in the store of Joseph & Pinkous, but rallied perfectly and seemed none the worse after going home. He sat at the table with his family and ate quite heartily, but immediately after fainted, and by the time he was got onto the lounge had

He leaves a wife and one child, who will receive the sympathy of all.

Two of his children died of diphtheria this spring, leaving the mother now doubly bereaved.

Agricultural Society.

A meeting of the farmers of Crawford County, held at the Grayling Town Hall April 21st was called to order by H. Head of South Branch and W. C. Johnson elected chairman, and O. Palmer secretary.

On motion of Mr. Evans that we proceed to the organization of an agricultural society, a full discussion was had, and the opinion seemed unanimous for the immediate organization of such society, and the motion passed.

It was then moved and carried that the officers elect consist of a president, secretary, treasurer and one director of each township.

A. J. Rose was elected president, O. J. Bell secretary, and N. H. Evans treasurer.

DIRECTORS.

Bull—Chas. Jackson, South Branch—H. Head, Centre Plains—G. W. Love, Beaver Creek—J. P. Hanna.

Grayling—J. Marsh.

Blaine—C. E. Wilcox.

Maple Forest—P. Hoyt.

Frederie—Chas. Kelly.

Grove—Thos. Loud.

On motion it was resolved that the next meeting be subject to the call of the president and secretary.

The secretary was instructed to notify the directors of the time of the next meeting through the AVALANCHE and that they are expected to present by laws, at that time for the future government of the society.

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Adjourned subject to call.

W. C. JOHNSON, Chairman.

Marius Hanson has returned from Milwaukee, where he has attended a course in one of the best business colleges in the union.

David Preston, well known banker of Detroit, died on Sunday morning, aged 61 years. Mr. Preston had resided in that city since 1848, and coming there a poor boy, had amassed a comfortable fortune. He was widely known through his connection with the temperature movement, and ran for governor on the "third party" ticket two years ago. The charities of his lifetime are estimated at not less than \$100,000.

BY TELEGRAPH.

NEWS CONDENSED.

Concise Record of the Week.

EASTERN.

Thousands of dollars' worth of spurious Virginia bonds have been unloaded in Boston and New York.

The Mayors of Pittsburgh and Allegheny refused to license an exhibition by the John L. Sullivan combination.

A big fire in the New York docks was caused by a large leakage of oil from the Standard Company's main pipe, the oil floating on the water being set on fire, by sparks from a passing tug. The aggregate loss was about \$150,000.

The pews in Grace and Trinity Episcopal churches, on Broadway, N. Y., are to be made free as rapidly as private ownership or causes or purchases can be effected. The last Miss Wolfe left \$350,000 to Grace Church to aid in the abolition of rentals.

Lawrence Donovan, who some months ago jumped from the Brooklyn bridge, was arrested last week about to attempt thefeat again, and later was held in \$1,000 bail to keep the peace for three months.

The Pennsylvania Railroad officials claim that not over \$15,458 worth of goods were stolen by their trainmen between Pittsburgh and Columbus in 1883; and that the thefts on the Pan-Hudson Division were comparatively no greater.

The failure is announced of George Clark, a millionaire land-owner and hopder of Springfield, New York. There are \$200,000 in judgments standing against him.

Old "Spot," the horse which Gen. Kilpatrick rode in his famous expedition during the war, died at Deckertown, N. J., a few days ago. He was 33 years old.

WESTERN.

Judge Miles Sears has been appointed Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court.

The jury at Morris, Ill., in the case of Watt and Schwartz, charged with murdering Express Messenger Nichols, brought in a verdict of guilty, and fixed the punishment of both men at imprisonment for life.

An assignment has been made by Louis & Co., dealers in furniture and household goods, at Cincinnati. Their liabilities foot up \$40,000.

At Morris, Ill., counsel for Watt and Schwartz entered a motion for a new trial, and were given ten days in which to file papers. The prisoners assert they are the victims of perjury.

Harry L. Leavitt, chief witness in the Haddock murder case, has sued the Chicago *Mail* for libel in the sum of \$30,000. The Hon. James G. Blaine, accompanied by his wife and daughter, Miss Albigal Dodge (Gail Hamilton), and R. C. Kerens, Vice President of the St. Louis, Arkansas and Texas Railroad, arrived in Chicago by special car on the Wabash Line, April 26, and at once went to the Grand Pacific Hotel. Mr. Blaine refused to see any callers but his intimate friends. His health is said to be almost entirely restored.

Natural gas has been discovered near Carrollton, Ill.

Ambassador (record 2:21) has been purchased by S. A. Bremet & Co., of Kalamazoo, Mich., for \$18,000.

SOUTHERN.

John T. Fernandez and Henry Bernard, members of a New Orleans fencing club, had a friendly set-to with foils. The hilt of Bernard's weapon was broken off during the encounter, and a sudden thrust drove the point of the blade into Fernandez's brain, entering below the left eye. Fernandez and Bernard surrendered himself to the police.

North Middletown, Bourbon County, Ky., was almost wiped out of existence by a fire.

Five persons lost their lives by the burning of a dwelling-house in Smith County, Va.

A genuine case of leprosy has been discovered in Louisville, Ky. John Haskins, the patient, contracted the disease in Honolulu three years ago.

At Rolling Fork, Miss., hailstones larger than hen's eggs fall for fifteen minutes, riddling the roofs of houses and stripping trees of their foliage.

John E. Blaine, an army paymaster, brother of the Maine statesman, died at Hot Springs.

The rains in Western Texas, by filling the dry channel of the Brazos River, brought down from the alkali country a mass of cattle carcasses that threatens to cause disease.

WASHINGTON.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has received two petitions—one from the Order of Railway Conductors, and the other from the Traders and Travellers' Union—which are representative of a large number of similar petitioners, asking the Board for its construction of the provisions of the "act to regulate commerce" as applied to the various points at which the provisions touch the customs of the past. Referring to these petitions, the Commission says it is obvious that the impression is generally prevalent that this commission has power to construe, interpret, and apply the law by preliminary judgment. A careful reading of the act will show that no jurisdiction has been given the board to answer questions like those under consideration. An expression of their opinion at this time would be no more useful to the public or the carriers than the opinion of other men upon the same point.

William J. Allen has been appointed District Judge for Southern Illinois.

Edward A. Mosely, of Boston, has been elected Secretary of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

President Cleveland appointed Edward F. Supina, of Ohio, to be Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Chief Justice Carter. Judge Blingsham was born in New Hampshire in 1829 and moved to Ohio in early life. He has for the last fifteen years been Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for the Columbus district, and in 1881 was the Democratic candidate for Supreme Court Judge of the State. He was prominently mentioned for the United States Circuit Judgeship, to which Judge Jackson was appointed last year.

POLITICAL.

The Wisconsin Legislature, which has just adjourned, made appropriations aggregating about \$900,000.

A large number of disgruntled Democratic politicians, says the *New York Times*, have wisely concluded that the next Presidential nomination by the party will be worth very little if not given to Mr. Cleveland.

The Legislature of West Virginia has commenced an extra session, adjourning for Senator will begin on May 3.

Appointments by the President: Samuel F. Bixell, of New Jersey, to be United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey; Henry F. Morritt, of Illinois, to be United States Consul at Chefoo.

The New York Assembly has passed a bill to permit betting on race-tracks, & per cent. of the gross receipts for admission to be paid to the State Comptroller, to be disbursed for prizes on live stock.

REGULATING THE RAILROADS

Congressman Payson is alleged to have said that the railroads appear to have captured the Interstate Commission, the same as they capture everything.

E. M. Herrick, President of the Pacific Pine Lumber Company, and E. O. Williams, President of the Redwood Manufacturing Association of San Francisco, have telegraphed the Interstate Commerce Commissioners as follows: Our two corporations, employing 8,000 to 10,000 men, and about \$30,000,000 capital, have addressed you by mail stating that our Eastern business has been entirely destroyed by the operation of the law, and asking your interposition in our behalf. Meantime will you allow the roads over which we have been operating to give old rates, and so revive our business with the East, provided the rate is open to all?

A Lusk & Co., of San Francisco, have telegraphed: The fruit interests of this State, which are of great and growing importance, are seriously jeopardized by the workings of the interstate commerce bill. Inasmuch as this interest can not avail itself of water competition, we respectfully ask that section 4 be suspended, that these interests be not entirely paralyzed and great loss ensued.

The manager of a Chicago manufacturing house, in a letter to the Interstate Commission, complains that he is now compelled to pay his fare, whereas formerly he rode upon a pass. He asks that section 23 be suspended for the Chicago & Northwestern Road.

Mr. Tuft presented a communication to the Interstate Commission, from Sutton & Co.'s dispatch line, setting forth, that the action of the transcontinental roads toward the shipping interest via Cape Horn has been of the most violent nature. They had exerted every effort to annihilate the shipping interest of the country. They had taken the long-haul traffic at a loss, which they must make up from charges on the short-haul traffic.

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LATER NEWS ITEMS.

The constitutional amendment allowing two successive Presidential terms has passed the Mexican House of Deputies, and now goes to the Senate, where it will probably be passed without debate. This is said to mean the re-election of Diaz.

The National Council of Administration of the Grand Army of the Republic has adopted resolutions approving of the order of General Fairchild, requesting posts not to make an official expression of opinion on the subject of pension legislation by Congress.

The total amount of trade dollars received in 1881 was \$5,633,000.

The Illinois House has passed a bill to prohibit idiots, insane persons, and inmates of prisons from marrying.

The grand jury at Ozark, Mo., has indicted eleven of the Bald-Knobs for murder.

A natural-gas company, with a capital of \$2,500, has been organized at St. Joseph, Mich., where boring will commence as soon as a contractor can be found.

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Root, Hog, or Die.

A sow was contentedly occupying her sty, although living in a great litter, when a Wolf, who had not tasted roast pig in a long time, came along and endeavored to strike up an acquaintance.

Getting up on his hind legs and looking over into the sty, he said: "Good morning, Mrs. Sow; I hope you are well."

"So-so," replied Mrs. S., backing up in a position to go to war, if necessary.

The Wolf inquired after the health of the interesting family, asked if they had the measles, trichina, hog-cholera, and other infantile diseases. He always liked pigs, he said, tender little pigs. They seemed to get right at the inside of him, as it were, and he smacked his chops with the recollection of the last pork-chop he had had.

"I declare," continued the Wolf, looking around admiringly, "you have comfortable quarters here. There is a

man wants a tonic

When there is a lack of elastic energy in the system, shown by a sensation of languor and weariness in the morning, frequent yawning during the day, and disturbed sleep at night, Hostetter's Stomach-Bitter's infuses unspent energy into the enfeebled and nervous, endowing them with muscular energy, an ability to repose readily and digest without inconvenience. Nervousness, headaches, biliousness, impeded appetite, and a feeble, troublesome stomach, are all speedily set right by this matchless regulator and invigorant. The mineral poisons, among them strychnine and nux vomica, are never safe tonics, even in infinitesimal doses. The Bitter's answers the purpose more effectually, and can be relied upon as perfectly safe by the most prudent. Fever and ague, kidney troubles and rheumatism yield to it.

Bridal Economy.

Young Housewife—"I want a cake of yeast—compressed yeast, I think it is called. How much is it?"

Grocer—"Two cents, ma'am."

Young Housewife—"And is that the least expensive you have? Husband said I must economize wherever I can. And I don't like yeast anyway. Haven't you some that's cheaper than that, perhaps?"

Grocer—"Yes, ma'am, we have some here that was left over from last week."

Young Housewife—"I can have a cake of that for one cent."

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Grocer—"Two dollars a jar, ma'am."

Young Housewife—"Oh, if Jack likes them half as well as I do, how delighted he will be! Just send me half a dozen jars, please, when you send round the yeast. That's all to-day."

Grocer—"Yes, ma'am." Somerville Franklin street, Chicago, Ill.

A Very Good Conundrum.

Why is an old maid like an old gold ring? Because nine times out of ten she is worth more than half a dozen of the more dazzling and flashy sort of modern make that put her in the shade.

And in five chances out of ten she would have been worth more to any man than the old he got.

BODILY pain always relieved by the use of St. Jacob Oil. Dr. R. Butler, Master of Arts, Cambridge University, England, says, "It acts like magic."

On a recent trip through Tasmania, writes a correspondent, our traveling party happened to visit the graveyard at Launceston, and among the various epitaphs discovered the following on a slate stone slab:

With the last sigh of life,
The spirit of death did take.

His name was Lloyd; it was not Jones; but Jones was just to rhyme with stones.

This was considered fairly good, but in the early days of the colony a rich merchant's wife died. Anxious to provide her a suitable monument, the bereaved husband sent far and wide for a stonemason, and by rare good luck found one capable of reading. The inscription was to begin with the verse, "The spirit of death did take,"

but the stone-cutter a crown was "live hot," so he promptly inserted the symbol of death, and the difficulty was surmounted.

—*Harrer's Magazine.*

Daughter (reading letter)—"But, ma, dear, in this last word you put a letter too much." Pa (self-made, and not a bit of pride about him)—"Ave, I dear? Never mind, I dassy I've left one out in some other word, so that'll square it."

* * * Organic weakness or loss of power in either sex, however produced, is easily and permanently cured by the use of Hood's Sarsaparilla, which is peculiar to itself.

Hood's Sarsaparilla sold by druggists. \$1 per six oz.

100 Doses One Dollar.

Don't Neglect Her Mamma.

The saving grace of the young American, says a writer in *Harper's Bazaar*, is his respect for women. That is a sincere national religion. On a young American rarely passes a lady on the stairs of a hotel, he rises when she enters a room, and he assists her across a muddy street. Hero in him is less ahead of the young Frenchman of the period.

But in conventional breeding the foreigner has the advantage. The young Frenchman understands that he must be polite to the mother before the daughter. In this respect (and the blame is in the mothers who have not commanded it) the young American is often at fault in society, if not in the street.

A card should never be left by a young gentleman for a young lady without also including one for her mother. He should inquire for the elder lady first, and if possible the mother should receive him. He should, if the mother invites him to a ball, show her some attention; if she has a reception day, he should call on that day. He should show her that he regards her as the person of the house, and should allow her to feel herself neglected at a public ball where he has been dancing with her daughter.

After thirteen or fourteen months on the market its sale is said to be the largest ever known. The large cities are talking Moxie forever, and every nervous woman or over-worked man who has heard of it has heard of everything that has been said about it.

It is a good, safe, and effective remedy.

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